

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 30, 2023.

I hereby designate the period from Friday, March 31, 2023, through Sunday, April 16, 2023, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM COUNCIL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 104(c) of title I, division T of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (Public Law 116-260), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Council:

Mrs. Martha Hill, Little Rock, Arkansas

MOMENT OF SILENCE REMEMBERING VICTIMS OF THE COVENANT SCHOOL SHOOTING

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, on Monday, the horror, the terror, and the insanity of mass shootings came to our capital city, Nashville, Tennessee—most directly, the Covenant Presbyterian School.

Six innocent victims passed.

Three were children: Evelyn Dieckhaus, William Kinney, and Hallie Scruggs. All were 9 years old. All were loving students, friends, brothers, sisters, and parents.

The three adults were Mike Hill, a beloved custodian of 14 years, a father, and a grandfather; Katherine Koonce, the headmaster referred to as a saint; and Cynthia Peak, a substitute teacher who had a light that shone wherever she appeared.

Madam Speaker, for all those victims and the other victims—the classmates, the friends, and the staff of Covington Presbyterian and the city of Nashville—I ask that we have a moment of silence in their memory and their honor.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment joint resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.J. Res. 7. Joint Resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020.

H.J. Res. 27. Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of

title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'".

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H. Con. Res. 15. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 316. An act to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq.

S. 777. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2023, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-286, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, appoints the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

The Senator from Maine (Mr. King).
The Senator from Illinois (Ms. Duckworth).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 93-415, as amended by Public Law 102-586 and Public Law 111-211, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, and after consultation with the Republican Leader, announces the appointment of the following individual to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Lourdes Rosado of New York (2-year term).

The message also announced that pursuant to Section 1295b(h) of title 46 App., United States Code, as amended by Public Law 101-595, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, and upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy:

The Senator from Washington (Ms. Cantwell) (ex officio as Chair, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation).
The Senator from Arizona (Mr. Kelly).

MASSACHUSETTS DELEGATION MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER FORMER MEMBERS JOHN OLVER AND BRIAN DONNELLY

(Mr. NEAL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I join with my Massachusetts colleagues to mourn the passing of two of our former colleagues, Congressman John Olver and Congressman Brian Donnelly.

John Olver, an MIT-trained chemist, dedicated his life to public service, working as an educator at the University of Massachusetts before beginning his political career. He spent 12 years in the Massachusetts Legislature prior to his election to Congress.

Over the course of his 22 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, John was an effective leader and a steadfast advocate for the people of western and central Massachusetts.

His approach to policymaking was a good lesson for all. It wasn't about tweeting or texting or cable TV appearances. He lacked any malice whatsoever, and he always had the purest of intentions, focusing solely on delivering for the people he felt privileged to represent. In addition, I don't know anybody who mastered the details of public life and complicated policy more than John Olver.

He was a devoted husband to his wife, Rose, of 55 years and a loving father to their children.

Madam Speaker, we send our best wishes to them at this difficult time.

Madam Speaker, I likewise rise to honor our former colleague Brian Donnelly, a close personal friend of mine for the years that we served together in this institution.

He was a steadfast public servant, a son of Massachusetts, and, perhaps more importantly, a son of Dorchester.

From his days in the Boston Public Schools to the State legislature to the hearing rooms of the Ways and Means Committee, Brian lived the American Dream.

I will forever be grateful to him for his retirement plan that opened up a seat on the Ways and Means Committee for me, understanding that for 70 years, Massachusetts, in straight order, has had a seat on the Ways and Means Committee.

He grew up in a working-class, Irish-American household. He never forgot his ancestral roots in Galway, and he used his time in Congress to advocate for Irish nationals both in Ireland and the United States.

Thousands of young immigrants secured visas through what is known as the Donnelly visa program, giving countless families the opportunity to live out the same American Dream that he knew so well.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Donnelly family during this difficult time, and I appreciate, Madam Speaker, you providing us the time for a moment of silence.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF IRA BRAHM BORN

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to fully celebrate the life of a true Pennsylvania icon. Ira Brahm Born, known as Bob by all who knew and cared about him, recently passed away at the age of 98.

While most of you probably didn't know Bob personally, I know you are familiar with his sweet work as the head of Just Born, Inc. The Bethlehem candymaker is the force behind many beloved favorites, but they are best known for Peeps, the colorful marshmallow chicks that, for three-quarters of a century, have brightened our Easter celebrations and our every day.

Bob was a veteran of World War II, an engineer, a talented musician, an innovator in his industry, and a family man whose son, Ross Born, along with a cousin, David Shaffer, carry on Bob's legacy at Just Born.

Madam Speaker, while we mourn the passing of Bob, his legacy will live on for generations to come.

REPUBLICANS USED TO CARE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Lower Energy Costs Act, or H.R. 1.

That is a joke. Once again, the title of a Republican bill does not match the content.

This bill does not save Americans one dime in energy costs. Instead, it will cost them at least \$2.4 billion, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

It will pollute drinking water and poison the air we breathe. It eliminates Federal funds to decrease greenhouse gases, and it increases dangerous drilling on Federal lands and in national parks.

It was Republican President Richard Nixon who started the Environmental Protection Agency. Back then, Republicans cared about the health and safety of the environment and Americans. Clearly, this bill shows they could care less about both.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL BILL WHEELER'S 105TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 105th birthday of Lieutenant Colonel Bill Wheeler, which was on March 24.

Mr. Wheeler joined the U.S. Army in April 1941, during the buildup to U.S. involvement in World War II. He was eventually selected to be a member of the Army Air Corps, where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Mr. Wheeler then went on to earn his pilot's wings in 1942, 1 year after the attacks on Pearl Harbor.

After serving in World War II, Lieutenant Colonel Wheeler left Active Duty to serve with a Reserve unit at Scott Field, Illinois, but his stay was short-lived as he commissioned back into the U.S. Army Air Forces a year later.

Mr. Wheeler continued to serve in the Air Force up until his retirement in 1970. Throughout his career, he flew multiple planes, such as the B-47, PT-19, and AT-6.

Mr. Wheeler's commitment to his country and his community serves as a testament to his character and the type of American we should all strive to be.

Again, I congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Bill Wheeler on his 105th birthday, and I wish him many, many more.

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HONORING CENTRAL FLORIDA'S OUTSTANDING WOMEN

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FROST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor some of the most powerful and outstanding women in my hometown of central Florida during Women's History Month.

These awe-inspiring women broke glass ceilings, pioneered change, fought for equal rights, and championed a better tomorrow for the people of Florida.

Congresswoman Corrine Brown, part of the first group of Black lawmakers from the State of Florida to serve in the United States House of Representatives since 1876.

Linda Chapin, the first elected mayor of Orange County.

Stina D'Uva, who serves in our community through the West Orange Chamber of Commerce.

Veteran Tangia Hill-Smikle, who gave back to central Florida in too many ways to count.

Suneera Madhani, a pioneer in financial technology.

Linda Landman Gonzalez and Kay Rawlins, leaders with our local beloved sports teams, the Orlando Magic and Orlando City Soccer Club.

Lastly, human rights advocates like Nikole Parker and Martha Are, and journalists like Beth Kassab are on the front lines of fighting for the free press.

Today, I honor them and thank them for all they have done for central Florida.

Madam Speaker, I also have to say, moments of silence are incredibly important to remember those who have been taken from us, but faith without work is dead. If we don't work to end gun violence, our children will suffer the same fate.

KIDNEY CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, March is also Kidney Cancer Awareness Month, so I rise in support of all Americans suffering from kidney disease and to highlight the importance of regular cancer screenings and learning about their risks.

According to the CDC, about 37 million adults are estimated to have kidney disease. Unfortunately, kidney disease is among the 10 most common cancers in both men and women, and 1 out of 3 Americans are at a heightened risk for kidney disease.

I also take this opportunity to honor and remember one of our former colleagues and friends, Representative Jim Hagedorn of Minnesota, who tragically lost his life last year due to kidney cancer.

Coincidentally, just recently, I found a letter he sent me just before he passed. As Jim used to say, "Please visit your doctor regularly and get those annual cancer screenings. Early detection could save your life."

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate National Nutrition Month.

Madam Speaker, there are serious challenges related to hunger and food insecurity across eastern North Carolina and other parts of the country, and we need to do all we can to feed hungry kids, seniors, and our most vulnerable populations.

Recently, I spent time at Windsor Elementary School in Bertie County, North Carolina, and spoke with Tiwana Smallwood, the school nutritionist, who stressed the need for programs to improve nutrition and reduce hunger.

Ms. Smallwood highlighted nutrition's vital role in our health and healthcare systems, noting that some families and school systems across the First Congressional District need help to make ends meet with rapidly increasing prices.

Let me be clear, everyone deserves access to nutritious food to fuel a healthy and prosperous life. I will work to ensure that is achievable for school districts across America.

Madam Speaker, the options are clear. Supporting our citizens or ignoring their health and well-being. I know where I stand, and that is with supporting the health and well-being of eastern North Carolinians.

REFORMING FOREST MANAGEMENT

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, yesterday the House included two of my